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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 18th March 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : Today, I am afraid, seven questions have to be postponed. Two Hon. Ministers are not in town and one hon. Member has asked for postponement of his question. I want the Hon. Ministers' to give at least one week's notice. What has happened today is seven questions have to be removed from the list. They have to be postponed tomorrow for being answered. That means 31 questions have to be answered tomorrow. That gives me more trouble. The disease seems to have spread to some hon. Members also. It means more work to me and my work becomes extremely difficult. I can understand Hon. Ministers asking for postponement because they go on work of the State.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Even then we can give one week's notice.

MR. SPEAKER : I am sure Hon. Ministers will give me at least some notice. Anyhow I have given permission. I find that it leads to a lot of inconvenience. Hon. Members should know that they need not always be present in the House. They can authorise others to put the questions on their behalf. Any how Sri. N. K. Palanisami has started the show. It has spread to Sri T. S. Ramaswami. I hope it may not spread hereafter.

Drugs (Manufacture)

* 891 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதில் அளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மருந்துகள் செய்வதைக் கட்டுப்படுத்த மத்திய சர்க்கார் சட்டம் கொண்டு வருவதைக் குறித்து இம்மாநில சர்க்காரின் ஆலோசனையைக் கேட்டார்களா ?

(இ) அப்படியாயின், இம்மாநில சர்க்கார் அனுப்பிய பதிலின் விவரமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) The hon. Member presumably refers to the proposal of the Government of India to extend the scope of the Drugs Act to the Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines. If so, the answer is in the affirmative.

(இ) The Government of India have been informed that this Government have no objection to amend the definition of the term 'Drug' in the Drugs Act, 1940, so as to do away with the exemption from its provisions granted to Ayurvedic and Unani Drugs.